

***INTERVIEW REMARKS***

As indicated during the interview with the Examiner, the nature of the cited Skochdopole reference as a statutory bar to the present invention is of particular relevance to the present invention because the unclaimed subject matter disclosed therein is one aspect of the applicants' work on the present invention. As also mentioned during the interview, had the Skochdopole reference actually been prior art under 102(e), as indicated by the Examiner in the Office Action dated March 5, 2003, applicants could have submitted an affidavit under 37 CFR 1.132 for the present invention.

Although the Skochdopole reference discloses one aspect of the applicants' present invention, it does not disclose the other aspects of the present invention which were originally disclosed in the currently pending application and have now been particularly distinguished from the unclaimed subject matter in the Skochdopole reference.

Respectfully submitted,



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